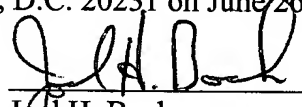


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Serial No.: 10/091,854 ] Art Unit 2833  
Filed: March 6, 2002 ]  
For: PUSH-IN WIRE CONNECTOR ]

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 26, 2003, please make the following amendments in the above application.

In the Drawings:

Formal drawings are enclosed.

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Currently amended) A push-in connector for connecting electrical conductors, comprising:

B1 a housing having a plurality of walls which define ~~defining~~ an enclosure and ~~having a plurality of entry ports and receptacles formed therein, and the housing further having a~~

**REQUEST  
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114**

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i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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